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Application of: Monaci et al.

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Examiner: Allen, Marianne P.

For: SYNTHETIC GENE ENCODING HUMAN EPIDERMAL
GROWTH FACTOR 2/NEU ANTIGEN AND USES THEREOF**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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